Lagniappe for Lent

For the past few years, I've kicked off my Lenten journey by volunteering in the restoration efforts of the Gulf Coast. It started when my friend and I were discussing our traditional 'Lenten Resolutions' of fasting and almsgivings. We confided in each other a desire do something a little extra to put our faith into action especially concerning the poor and burdened. We soon found ourselves road tripping down to the greater New Orleans area to volunteer for Habitat for Humanity after Hurricane Katrina.

Last month, we headed South for Lent again for another humbling spiritual renewal. We built a house for a deserving young woman who survived Katrina straddling the peak of a neighbor's rooftop. Pregnant with her first child and unable to swim, she miraculously held on through the night despite the strong winds and rain. In the morning, she discovered the lifeless bodies of her elderly neighbors strewn in a nearby tree. She crossed herself solemnly as she spoke of them. She then shared her own spiritual insights of losing everything while gaining an understanding of being radically dependent on God. Suddenly, I was acutely re-reminded of how narrow and self-centered my concerns for comfort, success, or personal wants had become. I knew I needed to purify my prayer life.

I started that night by prioritizing the cries of the poor and surrendering my own. I also prayed thankfully for our hosts. A local church fed us three meals a day and housed us in a small building with 40 bunk beds and showers with pull strings to conserve the clean water. The Church was named Lagniappe (pronounced lan-yap), which *is a Southern Louisiana and Mississippi word meaning 'a little extra' or an 'unexpected gift or benefit'.* It's a well-known cultural concept for coastal dwellers who are accustomed to shopkeepers adding an extra donut to a dozen or giving a piece of candy to a child as 'lagniappe'.

I spent the remainder of Lent reflecting on Lagniappe in a spiritual context. Lagniappe as unearned, unmerited favor was basically another name for grace. This insight fortified my desire to stand in solidarity with the poor not only for Lent but well beyond. After all, the Lord tells us that if we wish to love Him, we must express that love as love for the least of our brothers and sisters.

We don't need to be hundreds of miles away from home or responding to a national tragedy to recognize the marginalized among us. Please join me in praying to be transformed as better servants for others and let us be inspired by the lagniappe concept. Far beyond donuts and candy, lagniappe opened my eyes to the lavish blessings of God's free grace extended to all of us in Jesus Christ.

~ Kelli Wilson & Dani Dosch

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Liturgy and Prayer

Sunday Liturgy: Saturday, 5:00 pm; Sunday, 9:00 am & 6:00 pm
Daily Liturgy: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday, 8:00 am
Eucharistic Adoration:
Wednesday, 8:00 am - 6:30 pm, with Reconciliation from 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Gatherings of Grace

Our parish has an intergenerational model of faith formation to encourage lifelong learning for all ages called Gatherings of Grace. All generations meet together the second Wednesday of each month, September through May.

Bulletin Announcements

Please email bulletin@olbh.org by noon on Tuesday for the following Sunday bulletin.

This Week at Our Lady of the Black Hills

Monday, March 29
Isaiah 42:1-7; Psalms 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; John 12:1-11 (violet)
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For the health of the Weaver Baby)
4:30 pm: Lumko Group

Tuesday, March 30
Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalms 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17; John 13:21-33, 36-38 (violet)
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For the repose of Mel Visger)
10:00 am: Staff Holy Hour
7:00 pm: Boy Scouts

Wednesday, March 31
Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalms 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Matthew 26:14-25 (violet)
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: Healing for those who have been affected by sexual abuse.)
8:30 am – 6:30 pm: Eucharistic Adoration with Reconciliation from 5:30 – 6:30 pm
9:00 am: Noon: Food Pantry

Thursday, April 1
Holy Thursday
Isaiah 61:1-3, 6, 8-9; Psalms 89:21-22, 25, 27; Revelation 1:5-8; Luke 4:16-21(white)
8:00 am: Holy Thursday Morning Prayer
10:00 am: Staff Meeting
Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; Psalms 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18; First Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15 (white)
7:00 pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper (Intention: For OLBH Community, that we might all learn to wash feet.)
8:00 pm: Adoration
10:00 pm: Night Prayer

Friday, April 2
Good Friday - Day of Fast & Abstinence
Good Friday – Parish Office is Closed
8:00 am: Good Friday Morning Prayer

Friday, April 2 continued
Isaiah 52:13--53:12; Psalms 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1--19:42 (red)
7:00 pm: Good Friday of the Lord's Passion Liturgy

Saturday Morning, April 3
Holy Saturday
8:00 am: Holy Saturday Morning Prayer
9:00 am: Lumko Group
9:00 am – noon: Food Pantry
3:30 – 4:30 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday Evening, April 3
Easter Vigil
Genesis 1:1--2:2; Psalms 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; Genesis 22:1-18; Psalms 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Exodus 14:15--15:1; Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Isaiah 54:5-14; Psalms 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Isaiah 55:1-11; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Baruch 3:9-15, 32--4:4; Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ezekiel 36:16-28; Psalms 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4; Romans 6:3-11; Psalms 118:1-2, 16, 17, 22-23; Luke 24:1-12 (white)
8:00 pm: Easter Vigil (Intention: For Our OLBH Community)

Sunday, April 4
Easter Sunday
Acts 10:34, 37-43; Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Colossians 3:1-4, ***or*** *First Corinthians 5:6-8; John 20:1-9 (white)*
7:00 am: Easter Sunday Liturgy (Intention: That we might be like Mary Magdala, and proclaim the resurrection of Christ with out fear.
9:00 am: Easter Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For the Repose of Lorraine DeVille)
10:00 am: Coffee Hour – Hosted by Knights of Columbus
NO SPROUTS, Edge, Life Teen & Adult Life tonight

Intercessory Prayers
Life and Health Concerns:
Amy Bohn, Joe Creek, Paul James, Missy Jorgenson, Stuart & Juli Mendenhall, Bernadette Ricard, Nancy Sass & Kara Schroeder
Repose:
Thomas Douglas, Lidya Grace Mendenhall, Don Padgett & Mel Visger

Collection Report
March 20th & 21st

Loose	$1253.00
Envelopes	2636.00
Votive	8.70
Student	98.26
Adopt a Seminarian	240.00
Other	60.00
Total	**$4304.96**

Ministry Schedule

	Holy Week		***Easter – April 3 & 4***		
April 1 & 2	**Holy Thursday 7:00 pm**	**Good Friday 7:00 pm**	**Vigil 8:00 pm**	**7:00 am**	**9:00 am**
Bread Baker	Mary Blauvelt		Mary Blauvelt		
Altar Servers	Kevin Chamberlain* Joe Schulte Matthew Van Asma Chris Van Asma Paige Gehlsen Morgan Sears	Dane Schroeder* Hannah Schroeder Sam Tidemann Jack Tidemann	Jessica Schacher* Kimberly Schacher Tyler Trautman Matthew Van Asma Chris Van Asma Rileigh Kronmiller	**Need*** Aric Dyczek Mark Wesolick Andrew Corbine	Austin Evans* Kaleah Evans Joseph Wilhelmi Thomas Wilhelmi Isaac Wilhelmi
Precious Body - Precious Blood	**John Osnes** Walt Wilson Judy Wilson Teresa Thompson Joni Osnes		**Jerry Silbernagel** Greg Sass Nancy Sass Kathy Van Asma Ken Van Asma	**Sharon Long** Pat Suiter Larry Williamson Jim Hoag Brenda Jacobs	**Jim McCormick** Denise McCormick John Wang Cathy Wang Lorinda Collings
Lectors	Tony Berendse Carrie Baker	Thomas Jerzak Pauline Stoffel	John Usera, Bernadette Usera, Sue Colgan, Steve Colgan, Dave Allardyce, Judy Wilson, Cathy Sass & Diane Clarke	Tamara Dyczek Nikki Dyczek	Tom Collings Cathleen Denekamp
Sacristans	Frank Boner Donna Boner	Patty Cresalia Charlie Cresalia	Cathy & John Wang	Ken & Kathy Van Asma	Blauvelt Family
Ushers	Tom & Betsy Van Asma	Steve & Sue Colgan	Betsy & Tom Van Asma	Robert Dyczek Marc Jacobs	Ken Wentz Becky Wentz

Our Lady of the Black Hills

Clean-up Day

We will be having a cleanup day on Wednesday, April 7th, starting at 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm. You can come in anytime during this time, as we know not everyone can make it at 4:30pm. We will only be doing cleanup in this phase. We will do planting of flowers and other plants during phase 2, which will be sometime in May. Some of the cleanup projects will be: clean out the rock around the church, cut back shrubs, trim old dead foliage from the plants, pick up pine cones, rake up the volleyball court, pick up any trash outside, trim trees as required, clean up flower gardens, till garden in back, & haul out any branches, etc. If you can even spare just a small amount of time to come and help, please come help beautify our church.

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Easter Flowers

Donations of Easter Lilies, colorful spring flowers or money toward the purchase of flowers for Easter will be greatly appreciated. If you would like to donate in memory of someone, please note that on the item or money donated, or let a member of the staff know. Please have all donations here by Holy Saturday, April 3rd. All flowers can be left in the library. Thank you for helping to make our church beautiful for Easter!

New OLBH Online Forum!!!

Next time you are online, check out the new forum at http://olbh.org/forum or look for the link on the OLBH website. The primary purpose of this site is to have a place to discuss your thoughts and opinions about the various faith formation and community activities at the church. For instance, if you were touched by something at a Gatherings of Grace event, you can post your experience. Or perhaps you need another parent's advice about how to answer your child's questions about the Eucharist. The site is still in its infancy, so register and check back often.

It's Back… It's Fun… It's for EVERYONE! Basket Auction and Dinner

Save the Date: Saturday, May 8th, 2010 at 6:00 pm.

This is a great time for the people of the parish to get together, have fun and support our youth and their activities! The Basket Auction & Dinners is an annual fundraiser hosted by the youth of OLBH who will be attending Steubenville and who will be going on a mission to St. Louise. The youth plan this event with the help of their parents and it is always a great time! We thank you for your prayers in making this a success and your support.

Black Hills Area Habitat for Humanity

The Piedmont Valley Ministerial Association and the Black Hills Area Habitat for Humanity are praying toward helping another family find a safe, decent and affordable home in our community. If you or someone you know has buildable land in the Valley that may be considered for donation or sold at a very reduced rate for this important local mission opportunity, please contact Kellie Wilson at 787-6064, Daniele Dosch at 718-0747 or Terry Fuller, Habitat site selection chair: terryfuller@rushmore.com, 348.9196.

Worship Commission Meeting

There will be a meeting on Monday, April 5th at 7:00 pm, for all involved in a Worship ministry. These ministries are **Liturgy Planning Committee, Liturgical Ministers -** Music Ministers & Choirs, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans, Ushers/Greeters, Adult Altar Servers, Bread Bakers, **Church Environment -** Altar Linens & Alb Care, Candle Ministry, Art & Environment & **Prayer Experiences –** Adoration, Prayer Chain. Please join us to help us form our Pastoral Commission.

Reflection Questions for Next Sunday

We are a resurrection people!

Children: What is good and new in your life?

Youth: Resurrection reminds us that what looks bad can lead to something good. What has resurrected, or gone from bad to good, in your life over the past year?

Adults: In what way have you risen from "deadness" in your life?

Congratulations to Thomas Jerzak of Troop 88.

Thomas was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout on the 27th of March at Our Lady of the Black Hills. The Eagle Scout rank is the highest level a boy can achieve in Boy Scouts. It is awarded based on the boys leadership qualities, selfless service, community service, and duty to God and country. Only 4% of Boy Scouts earn this distinction; so congratulate Thomas next time you see him.

For the Ride Home

By Ted Bergh

Scripture

- I gave my back to those who beat me, … my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. (Isaiah 50:6)
- They have pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones. (Psalm 22:17,18)
- Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, … he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. (Philippians 2:7)
- "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last. (Luke 23:46)

Reflection

- Why does Jesus suffer and die on the cross?

He triumphs over death by accepting enslavement by it so that humanity can be set free. This is the whole meaning of death and resurrection of Christ, who descends into the most inaccessible depths of suffering and so destroys evil at its roots. There is but one solution to the mystery of evil: the triumphant Cross of Christ. Every explanation becomes unbearable in the face of suffering; every human effort becomes ridiculous in the face of evil. We are unable to bring consolation or explanations to someone in the midst of suffering; all we can do is try to relieve some of his or her suffering. Jesus Christ alone brings victory over suffering of bodies and souls. … We believe that Christ resolves the whole human drama because he alone reaches its ultimate depths. We must avoid leaving Christianity on the surface; it is neither a system of morality, nor a social order, nor a system of metaphysics. Rather it is the fact that what is inaccessible to humankind, what reveals the very mystery of his existence as neither morality nor sociology could do, has been achieved by the Word of God.[1]

[1]Danielou, Cardinal Jean, *Prayer, The Mission of the Church,* W. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, MI, 1996, p. 89

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Diocesan News

Calling all boys age 10-18: Become a Columbian Squire!

Are you ready to take your Catholic faith to a whole new level? Do you want to be a young man willing to serve Christ as a leader in your home, your community and your parish? Then the Columbian Squires is the place you want to be! The Columbian Squires is the official youth organization of the Knights of Columbus. Our purpose is to guide young men like you to become leaders in the church, in the home, and in the community. We do this through activities that are fun and serious at the same time: promoting vocations, praying in defense of unborn life, feeding the hungry, supporting Special Olympics, promoting Catholic education and countless other activities. If you're thinking this is just another club run by a bunch of adults that tell you what to do, then get this: meetings are run by the Squires themselves. That means you get to decide what the Squires do! Sure there are Knights around to act as counselors when you need a little help, but the decision is up to you and your fellow Squires. Why just sit on your rear in CCD class and hear what Jesus would do when you can get up and really do what Jesus did? If you want to become a Squire or if you want to learn what we do, you and your parent(s) are invited to join us for a meeting on **Tuesday, April 6th at 7 PM in the Knights of Columbus room,** located in the basement of St. Therese. If you have any questions before then, you can contact either Knight Fred Berendse (415-3847) or Knight Stephen Engelhardt (431-9218).

Level 2 Separated & Divorced Support Group

Happiness Is an Inside Job, begins at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 8. The eight-week non-denominational support group meets at St. Therese the Little Flower Catholic Church, 532 Adams Street, Rapid City. The group uses John Powell's book by the same name to help participants deepen their healing experience following a significant loss. Christian adults who are looking for peace, joy, and contentment in their lives are welcome to participate. Pre-registration is requested, but not required. The registration fee is $38.00. Need-based scholarships are available. To pre-register or for more information, contact Jill at Family Life Ministries 605-343-3541.

National Pastoral Musicians

The spring meeting of the Rapid City Chapter of National Pastoral Musicians will be held on Saturday, April 10, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Hot Springs. The meeting will feature presentations on the Liturgy of the Hours and morning prayer, singing the Mass, and vocal techniques. Please call Kerry Peters at 605.745.3235 to make a reservation for lunch. Bishop Cupich will speak on the new translation of the Roman Missal at the summer meeting, which will be held on Saturday, June 26. More information about the summer meeting will be available soon.

Are you a divorced Catholic or know someone who is?

Have you ever wondered what a church annulment is? Most of us don't have questions about the annulment process until we go through a divorce or have someone close to us go through one. Some of the most common questions asked about annulments are: *How does an annulment affect the legitimacy of my children? Does a divorced non-Catholic need to get an annulment before marrying a Catholic? Do you have to wait for an annulment before getting remarried? What if I am already remarried?* All these questions and more will be answered at **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11, 2010.** Join Fr. Leo Hausmann and Fr. Dan Juelfs for an informational meeting on Catholic annulments at **Blessed Sacrament Church, 4500 Jackson Blvd., Rapid City, SD.** There is no charge to attend. For more information, contact Jill, Family Life Ministries, 605-343-3541 or jslegner@diorc.org.

World Youth Day with Pope Benedict XVI, Madrid Spain

August 9-22, 2011. Cost: $2,100. Deposits of $250 and applications are now being accepted. This spiritual and rustic pilgrimage is open to those who are 18 by August 9, 2011 through 35 years of age. Space is limited to the first 40 accepted applicants. Travel through Burgos, Avila, Toledo, Madrid and more. Contact Provatia Potvin 343-3541. Application and information is online at www.rapidcitydiocese.org.

Steubenville 2010

July 16-18, Rochester, MN. High School youth and those entering into high school in the fall of 2010. Cost: $285 includes: conference, 2 t-shirts, hotel, bus & most meals. Full & final payment is due April 20th along with forms and online registration that can be found on www.rapidcitydiocese.org. Please contact Teresa Thompson 787-5168.

From the Diocesan Pro-Life Commission

We may sometimes differ about the specifics of how best to serve those in need, overcome poverty, and advance human dignity, but it is impossible for a Christian to say, "This is not my task." This mission is an essential part of what makes us disciples of Christ.

Podemos a veces discrepar en cuanto a los detalles sobre la mejor manera de servir a los necesitados, de superar la pobreza y fomentar la dignidad humana, pero a un cristiano le es imposible decir, "Ésta no es mi tarea". Esta misión es una parte esencial de lo que nos hace discípulos de Cristo.

A Place at the Table: A Catholic Recommitment to Overcome Poverty and to Respect the Dignity of All God's Children, USCCB, www.usccb.org
Un lugar en la mesa: Renovación del compromiso católico de superar la pobreza y respetar la dignidad de todos los hijos de Dios, USCCB, www.usccb.org

The 2010 Census: It's in Your Hands

Census data will have an important impact on your community. Data from the 2010 census will guide decisions about where to build new roads, schools, and hospitals. Every person and every census form matters. If you have not completed and mailed back your census form, you are encouraged to do so. For more information, visit www.2010census.gov or www.2010census.gov/espanol.

DIOCESE OF RAPID CITY

OFFICE OF BISHOP

March 15, 2010

Dear Friends in Christ,

With our new facility called *Terra Sancta*, the Latin term for *The Holy Land*, we have a special connection with Christians living in the land of our Lord. **On Good Friday, April 2, 2010,** the Catholic Church throughout the world will join in supporting the annual Collection for the Shrines of the Holy Land.

The daily news reminds us of the violence and instability plaguing the Middle East. The shrinking Christian community in that region of the world is struggling to remain in the land of Christ's birth, death and resurrection. As we come together on the day Christ suffered and died, we have a special opportunity to witness to our solidarity with those who each and every day suffer because of their faith.

Please be generous to the Church in the *Terra Sancta*, as they maintain Christianity's holiest sites and care for God's people.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Blase J. Cupich
Bishop of Rapid City

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Spring Retreat, St. Martin Monastery
1851 St. Martin Drive, Rapid City, SD

OUR HEARTS ARE ON FIRE WITH FUTURE HOPE

- What: St. Martin Spring Retreat
- Who: Father David M. Shields, S.J., retreat director
- Where: Conference room, monastery
- When: May 21-22. Starts Friday 6:30 p.m., Saturday 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

Mark your calendars for a retreat in the Pentecostal Spirit: "Our Hearts on Fire with Future Hope."

"Life is hard. Times are tough. Human issues overwhelm us," said Fr. Shields. "What can the Pentecost event say to us about finding a hopeful human condition in a pretty dark and scary world?"

Father Shields is well known in western South Dakota. He worked for 18 years on the Pine Ridge Reservation, one year at the Sioux Spiritual Center, and he took a position in the Diocese of Rapid City's Family Life Center. He continues directing and preaching retreats in his current position as executive director of Casa Romero Renewal Center, an urban bi-lingual retreat center in Milwaukee.

Offering: $80.00. Do not stay away for lack of funds, because some scholarships are available (see Sr. Marmion).

This is not a "live in" retreat; a few beds are available for $20.00 a night on a first come, first serve basis.

Registration is necessary. Sister Marmion Howe, (605) 343 8011, *srmarmion@aol.com*